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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1915.

It is too late now to shop early.

If Austria doesn't do what that note says she's likely to get a letter.

Scotch 'em, Halg!—The State Whoddy talking about Scotch—and Halg & Halg?

Greenwood is hot after a gas plant, isn't that furnished by The Daily Journal sufficient.

The Morgan banking house is going to give each of its employees a year's salary for a Christmas present. How would you like to be an employee of the Morgan banking house?

The Anderson Intelligencer inquires "What has become of the old fashioned boys and girls who had pound parties?" They are now attending parties where the weight has been increased considerably.—Lancaster News. And incidentally the coat.

Booker T. Washington's successor as head of the Tuskegee Institute is said to be descended directly from an African chief. In view of the growing prejudice against hyphen, he should be warned against letting the aristocratic connection betray him into calling himself an "Afro-American."

Count von Reventlow, the German naval writer, remarks in a recent newspaper article "One is astonished to learn from a New York dispatch that the Lusitania affair is not yet fully settled." Maybe if the Germans were able to get news in their newspapers without waiting till it dribbled in from America, it wouldn't be so hard to come to an understanding with the Faith-land.

The missionaries on Henry Ford's peace ship have fallen into disagreement. It will be recalled that there was a disagreement on shipboard, too, when John walked from somewhere or other to convert Niagara. And that row was settled by casting a prominent member of the party overboard. We hope no such fate will befall the result of the peace ship. But if he should be mentioned, may a kindly spirit get him, instead of a submarine.

WE ARE POOR SAVERS

On Tuesday, December 21, the Bank of Anderson will install its simplified savings system, reference to which was made in these columns several weeks ago when it was originated by the cashier. As a result of this campaign they hope to have 10,000 members in their savings club. Quite a number of applications have already been received for membership on the opening day.

The idea of inducing every salaried man and every child to save a part of the money that passes through their hands is a good one. There is enough money wasted in Anderson county, which if it were put in the local banks, would be sufficient to supply the needs of the county without the necessity of ever borrowing from northern institutions.

In this connection it might be well to call attention to the fact that statistics show that while the incomes of the citizens of the United States are larger than the incomes of the citizens of any nation, yet it stands 15th, per capita, as a savings nation. Switzerland heads the list, there being 955 out of every 1,000 inhabitants who have savings accounts, while in the United States only 109 out of every 1,000 have savings accounts.

The financial strength of the United States does not consist of a few wealthy individuals, but of the small savings of the rank and file of the population. Any plan or system that will aid the citizens to save is worthy of commendation.

WHY FORD FAILS

The reason why the Ford peace expedition to Europe is almost certain to fail is that peace at this time would be a false peace. It would be a thing of patches, a mere armed truce deciding nothing and providing a mere period of recuperation after which the nations would be at each others' throats again.

What Henry Ford and so many other well-intending pacifists fail to understand is that the war is not an aimless Kilkenny riot, nor an international battle-royal for a material prize, but that Europe is fighting for principles. And there can be no durable and satisfying peace until the issue is determined one way or the other, by dint of blood and treasure, so decisively that it will not have to come to arbitration again.

The issue is as clear in Europe as ours was in our civil war. Then we settled for good the question whether slavery should continue to exist in America. Europe, we trust, if let alone, will settle for good the question whether nations may still go forth and take what they want from their neighbors by force, or whether there shall be no conquest except by peaceful methods, in honest competition.

It has been said that this is a war of autocracy against democracy. And so it is, in a way. That is to say, there is more autocracy on one side, and more democracy on the other. But the big, dominant question is simply this—whether a nation, any more than an individual, may arm to the teeth and go out and "shoot up" a civilized community and take and keep whatever real estate and personality it happens to want.

And if the war is allowed to run its course, Europe will probably emerge able to live an orderly, civilized existence hereafter, without any outlawry or gun-toting.

DROPPING A PUNCTUATION MARK

The action of Milwaukee newspapers in dropping the hyphen in "German-American" and printing it "German American," is a step in the right direction, and as such will win the approval of all good citizens regardless of their racial antecedents.

But in itself, such a typographical change means little. It would be unfortunate if a thing so superficial and accidental as a punctuation mark were mistaken for the real issue. It matters little whether any combination of racial names is printed with the hyphen or without it, so long as the combination persists. In most languages no such punctuation mark is used, but when two proper names or adjectives are joined they are run together as one word. It's really all the same whether the dual title is made that way, or with the hyphen, or by using the two terms as separate words. American practice tends more and more, anyhow, to omit the hyphen in word combinations.

The essential thing is the dual idea represented by the words themselves. And opinion is swinging more and more to the view that the dual allegiance of which the hyphen is merely a casual symbol must pass altogether from our national life.

It cannot do so, of course, until it

passes from our citizens' hearts. That is a slow and painful process. It may be many years before the new idea is fully accepted.

America has so long tolerated and even encouraged the hyphen that it is no wonder citizens of alien birth have found it hard to grasp the new situation and shift, all at once, from their equivocal position. Our politicians our orators have heretofore fostered alien race pride. They appealed frankly to the "German-American vote," the "Italian-American vote," the "Swedish-American vote," etc.

The same citizens who have so long flattered and courted as groups are now told that their groups must dissolve. And so they must, if the new and perilous lines of cleavage in our citizenship are to be closed up and national unity re-established. Our hyphenated citizens, then, of all classes, are not to be condemned for a certain indignant surprise that the thing that they formerly found a mark of honor is now suddenly become anathema. But they should recognize, nevertheless, that the issue is clearly drawn, that for the sake of a higher Americanism the hyphen must be thrown into the national melting pot, and must disappear not only from the written symbols of nationality but from the hearts of all our citizens. And our newer Americans are recognizing it, and acquiescing more and more willingly as they come to understand that the fate of the nation is involved—and therefore the fate of their own children.

Even the citizen of strongest alien ties or prejudices doesn't like to think of his son or grandson being born into a hyphenated fatherland.

FIFTY CENTS A DAY

"I agree with President Wilson in many of his recommendations for the national defense," says ex-President Taft, "but I do not see how we can raise the 80,000 men that he wants. A soldier gets but \$15 a month, and with men earning that much a week and more, you see how hard it will be to get that 80,000 without conscription."

That's a problem that most of the advocating an army increase don't seem to give any thought to. Our present army, small as it is, has had no end of trouble in trying to recruit enough men to make up its full complement. It is invariably smaller in reality than on paper, and so is the navy. Even the added interest in military matters aroused by the present war has not sufficed to fill up the gaps.

How will it be, then, when congress passes bills calling for an increase of tens of thousands in the regular army and navy, not to mention the hundreds of thousands expected to volunteer as a citizen reserve?

Patriotism may work a change here as it has in England, and swell the enlistments. But will it take as great and imminent peril to bring out our volunteers as it has taken in England?

Theodore Roosevelt believes that conscription is the only way. If we're to have a much larger army, we may come, sooner or later, to a choice between higher pay and some form of conscription—the Swiss system, for example, which makes all citizens submit to training at regular intervals, but doesn't take up much of their time.

A LINE o' DOPE

Weather Forecast—Fair Sunday in east portion; Monday fair.

Trains into Anderson yesterday over the C. & W. C. were delayed because of the derailment near Lowndesville of train No. 22, the mixed train which is due in the city at 11:15. The regular passenger train from Augusta which is due to arrive at 2:05, was over an hour late.

Beginning with next Wednesday morning the passenger trains over the C. & W. C. railway will leave from their new station on South Main street. The station is ready for occupancy and the fact that this change is to be made this coming week will be welcomed by a large number of people.

A writ of lunacy was issued yesterday for H. C. Johnson, the white man who several days ago attracted considerable attention by dropping on his knees and praying in the streets. He was arrested several days ago by the city officers and taken to the city hall where he was examined by a physician, after which he was carried to the Anderson county hospital.

Yesterday he was taken to the county jail where he will be examined.

Johnson is about 45 years of age and has nothing much to say. He appears to be deranged and it is thought that he has escaped from a lunatic asylum.

Capt. J. R. Anderson of the Blue Ridge railway yesterday morning received the following telegram in regard to the double service put on the Southern railway during the holiday season:

"To provide adequate facility for handling travel incident with the holiday season and also to take care of the movement of mail and express, the Southern railway has arranged to run train Nos. 35, 36, 37 and 38, between Washington and Atlanta in two sections up to and including December 24th. Nos. 35 and 36 were run in sections beginning December 15 and 37 will be run in two sections from today. Additional sleeping cars and coaches will be handled on other trains as the travel may demand."

George T. Bryan, R. A. Cooper and O. Frank Hart, prominent Masons of South Carolina, will be among those present tomorrow night when the members of the Royal Arch and Select Masters of Burning Bush Chapter and Wynne Council will hold their annual banquet. There will be a short session of the council at 7:30 for the purpose of conferring degrees and electing officers, after which all members will assemble in the vacant store room near Tolly's and partake of a turkey dinner.

The music recital which was given by the Glee Club of Anderson College on Friday evening in the college auditorium will be repeated along with the services at the Baptist church this evening. Those who heard the recital on Friday evening state that it was indeed a treat in music and the people of the city will be glad of the opportunity of hearing it this evening.

Winthrop College closes for the holidays next Wednesday. Since so many of the Anderson girls attend this school, people are always anxious to learn when they will arrive home. It is very probable that they will arrive Thursday and will be here for ten days.

Anderson College students have only three more days to attend recitations before Christmas. They will be dismissed on Wednesday until after the holidays.

Mr. Sloan Driscoll yesterday signed an agreement to furnish the music for the E.E.'s dance on the 31st, and the Rose Hill dance on the 27th. Mr. Driscoll stated that he would furnish four pieces: Luther Smith, piano; Harris, violin; S. R. Trowbridge, cornet and Driscoll, drums.

Spring Maid's Tees Stolen. No fingerprints will elucidate the latest Waldorf-Astoria mystery. Neither will footprints, for all the toes of one foot of the victim are missing and have left no trace. This unfortunate creature is Miss Spring, a maid of marble, creature of W. C. Couper.

Miss Spring still stands in her niche in a far end of the grillroom, as who wouldn't with one foot crippled. She is a \$1000 beauty, having been bought at that price by a wealthy New Yorker and afterward acquired by Mr. Boldt. Incidentally Mr. Boldt told his son and daughter recently that he was too poor to own an auto, so they gave him a tin one priced 25 cents which runs even more widely than some big autos.

"Spring" is the figure of a young girl resting lightly on a big bunch of lilies and holding outstretched a long string of like flowers. How five marble toes could be clipped off without somebody hearing the work is not clear. The last time the managers of a hotel had occasion to notice the young person her tango necessities were all there.—New York World.

A Family of Setters.

Farmer Jones was tugging away with all his strength at a barrel of older trying to get it up the steps. He called at the top of his voice for help but no response. After much struggling he accomplished the task and just then the whole family put in appearance.

"Where have you been?" inquired the farmer, to his wife.

"I was setting the bread."

"And you?" addressing his oldest boy.

"Out in the shop setting a saw."

"And you, Emma?"

"Up in grandma's room getting a clock."

"And you, Cyrus?"

"Out in the barn setting a hen."

"And you, Hiram?"

"Up in the garage setting a trap."

"And now mother, where were you and what were you a setting?"

Not a Social Gaster.

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In Farm and Fireside Dr. David E. Spahr gives some advice to workers who are planning to retire from their callings and enjoy a peaceful old age:

"The abrupt change from an active member of the producing class to an idle member of the consuming class," he says, "is too much for a man who is facing the setting sun. And just here is the excuse and reason for this article. I want to sound a note of warning to those contemplating such a move: 'Safety first.'"

"For a man in declining life whose arteries are already beginning to harden from indulging in rich and stimulating food, the change should be made gradually, allowing his system to accustom itself gradually to the changed conditions. A lessened amount of rich and stimulating food should be indulged in. Regular hours must be maintained; regular, exercises that will bring into play all the different muscles of the body in order to insure the elimination of the waste products of the body."

"A sedentary life, I active and purposeless, with nothing to live for, no objects in view but to live and wait and waste away; with a lessened income and greater expense; with more and greater demand upon the purse strings—how great the temptation to become restless, nervous and irritable."

Peace Recessional.

(Apologies to Kipling.) Goddess of Fortune, known of old, Fate of our thin brown battle line—Beneath whose kindly hand we hold The love of Peace from palm to pine: Goddess of Peace, make us aware Should we prepare? Should we prepare?

The tumult and the shouting dies The peace ship sails to foreign shores We hear the thundering protests rise, We watch the flag which proudly soars,

Goddess of Peace, hear thou our prayer, Should we prepare? Should we prepare?

It dear with din of war we lose All thoughts of bitter sacrifice, Or miss the greater good and choose A golden calf to canonize, Goddess of Peace, do thou declare, Should we prepare? Should we prepare?

Stuck on the Bar.

A Hiram correspondent says that the news department refuses to report a speech recently delivered in his town, and he appeals to us to go up and see.

He was quoting tenderly Tennyson's beautiful poem, "Crossing the Bar," and he got one of the lines this way:

"And may there be no lapping of the moon, when I put out to sea."

One of his hearers put in: "There won't be, if your friends know that you sail under the British flag."

"That isn't what I meant to say," replied the speaker in confusion. "I should have said: 'And may there be no marring of the bone, when I put out to sea.'"

"There won't be if you're careful to jump free of the propeller," chuckled his irreverent auditor. And the speaker gave it up—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Breaking the News.

When Pat Hogan burst into the house crying, "Mrs. Flannigan, you son Mike, just tell off the scolding and killed himself, headed!" Mrs. Flannigan collapsed into a chair.

"Aisy, aisy!" Pat continued. "The only his leg was broke. It's rejoiced you to hear it, when ye thought he was killed for real!"

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